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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,

Monday, September 16, 1935.

In obedience of the proclamation of His Excellency, James V. Allred, Governor of Texas, convening the Forty-Fourth Legislature to meet in Special Session at Austin, the seat of government, this the sixteenth day of September, 1935, the Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Representative Hall, and at 12 o'clock m., the House was called to order by the Hon. Coke R. Stevenson, Speaker.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read, the following proclamation by the Governor:

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

Whereas, Senate Joint Resolution Number Three, proposing an amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas by striking out Section 20-a to Section 20-e, both inclusive, prohibiting the open saloon and vesting in the Legislature the power to define and enact laws against such; vesting in the Legislature the power to regulate the manufacture, sale, possession and transportation of intoxicating liquors, including the power to establish a State Monopoly on the sale of distilled liquors; providing that in all counties, justice's precincts or incorporated towns or cities wherein the sale of intoxicating liquors had been prohibited by local option elections held under the laws of the State of Texas, and in effect at the time of the taking effect of Section 20, Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, until a majority of the qualified voters in such county or political

subdivision shall determine such to be lawful at an election held for that purpose, was by the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas at a special election held throughout the State of Texas, on the 4th Saturday in August, 1935; and

Whereas, Such special election having been held in the mode and manner provided by law and it now appearing from the public press that a majority of the qualified electors voting in such election, cast the ballot in favor of the amendment "for the amendment to the State Constitution repealing statewide prohibition, prohibiting the open saloon and providing for local option"; and

Whereas, I consider it my duty to call a Special Session of the Legislature of the State of Texas to give effect to the will of the people;

Now, therefore, I, James V. Allred, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of this State, hereby call a Special Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature to be convened in the City of Austin, commencing at twelve o'clock noon on Monday, the 16th day of September, A. D., 1935, for the following purposes:

1. To define the term "open saloon" and enact laws prohibiting the same.

2. To enact laws regulating the manufacture, sale, transportation and possession of intoxicating liquors, and to preserve the absolute integrity of dry territory.

3. To consider and act on such other subjects of public importance as the Governor may, from time to time during the Session, submit by message.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and cause to be impressed hereon the Seal of the State

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Austin, Texas

of Texas, at Austin, this the 29th day
of August, A. D., 1935.

(Signed) JAMES V. ALLRED
Governor of Texas

By the Governor:

(Seal) CLYDE E. SMITH,
Assistant Secretary of State.

Speaker Stevenson then declared
the House of Representatives to be
duly assembled in accordance with the
Proclamation.